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Wine & Cheese Benefit Scheduled for September 15!

Event to Benefit Railtown's Interpretive & Education Programs!

On Saturday, September 15, 2007, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park in Jamestown will host a delightful, afternoon "Wine & Cheese Benefit" event. This gala event's highlight will be a leisurely train ride through the scenic Sierra foothills, with fine wines and tasty cheeses served along the way. The benefit event will also feature walking tours of the Historic Jamestown Shops and Roundhouse, relaxing musical entertainment, a silent auction, and ongoing tasting of wines, cheeses, and other delectables throughout the evening.

Meet winemakers from both Tuolumne and Calaveras Counties, and savor locally produced specialty cheeses, breads and olive oils, all while enjoying an evening at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park. Featured wineries thus far include Irish Vineyards and Laraine Wines (Vallecito, California), Chatom and Rocco's Com'e Bella (Murphys, California) along with Mount Brow (Columbia, California) and Muir Hanna (Sonora, California), plus others to be announced.

This worthy event will benefit the interpretive and educational programs at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park. Current interpretive offerings at Railtown include year round guided tours of the historic Roundhouse and shops, and periodic hands-on demonstrations of the machinery, tools and techniques used to maintain and repair steam locomotives, passenger and freight cars at the Historic Jamestown Shops and Roundhouse.

Proceeds from the Wine & Cheese Benefit will help to upgrade Railtown 1897's visitor experience with an enhanced walking tour, better defined pathways within the Park, improved interpretive signage, and expanded curriculum-related offerings for school groups visiting the Park. These improvements will help prepare the Park for the return of "Movie Star" locomotive No. 3 in 2009, following its restoration to operating condition—currently under way.

Tickets are \$25 each (Wine & Cheese Train ride included), and advance purchase is recommended. To reserve your tickets for the Wine & Cheese Benefit, please call Railtown 1897 at (209) 984-3953. For additional information about Railtown 1897 State Historic Park visit www.railtown1897.org.

Wine & Cheese Benefit Event Recap:

What: Wine & Cheese Benefit

Where: Railtown 1897 State Historic Park, corner 5th Avenue & Reservoir Road, Jamestown, California

When: Saturday, September 15, 2007, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Why: Benefits the interpretive and educational programs at Railtown 1897 SHP

Cost: \$25 per person to ride Wine & Cheese Train and partake of all activities

Time: 4:00 p.m. - Benefit begins, with wine tasting, music, silent auction, tours
4:30 and 6:00 p.m. - Wine & Cheese Train departs (participants may choose either departure time, approximately 45 minutes roundtrip)
7:00 p.m. - Benefit event concludes

Tickets: Call (209) 984-3954 for reservations

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*Known today as "The Movie Railroad," Railtown 1897 has been featured in over 200 movies and TV productions. Operated by California State Parks with assistance from the nonprofit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park offers special events and trains throughout the year. **For more information, call (209) 984-3953 or visit our Web site at www.railtown1897.org.** For nearby lodgings and attractions info, contact the Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau at (800) 446-1333 or online at www.thegreatunfenced.com.*